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Cable Ship Silvertown Arrives Buoys Cable 35 Miles Off Port

Hawaiian Fire Claims Bill Introduced In the House

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—The House Committee on Territories held a special meeting today to consider the bill introduced by Representative Knox, Chairman of the Committee, to pay in part the judgment rendered under an act of the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Hawaii for property destroyed in suppressing the bubonic plague in that Territory in 1899 and 1900. Mr. Pratt, representing the Honolulu Chamber of Commerce, was present at the invitation of the committee, and presented the subject-matter concisely and urged favorable action of the committee on the proposed measure of relief. Following Mr. Pratt's presentation of the case there was an informal discussion on its merits by the members present, practically all of whom expressed opinions favorable to the measure. It was finally decided to refer the bill to a sub-committee composed of Representatives Powers (Maine), Cushman (Washington), and Robinson (Indiana), with instructions to inquire fully into the merits of the bill before the committee, and to present a report to the entire committee at its first meeting in January, after the holiday recess. The sub-committee will hold its first meeting on Monday next, and will then commence to take testimony and to give audience to those who are interested in the desired legislation. At the suggestion of Mr. Pratt, the sub-committee will invite Delegate Wilson to attend its meeting. The sub-committee will consider only the Knox bill, this being in harmony with the former bill pending in the Senate, which will undoubtedly pass that body early in the session. If, in the course of consideration of the measure, it is found advisable to amend by providing that the full amount of the fire claims, \$1,500,000, shall be paid by Congress, the change will be made. Mr. Pratt had a brief conference with Representative Cannon, chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations, whose opposition caused defeat in the House of the item in the Deficiency Appropriation Bill, last session, providing for payment of the claims, and found that he is now disposed to take a more conciliatory attitude in regard to the matter at this session. Mr. Cannon's opposition was based mainly upon the fact that he considered the fire claims matter had not been sufficiently considered and digested in the House. Mr. Cannon has invited Mr. Pratt to a further conference when the bill comes up in the House, stating that he wishes to give the needs and rights of the people of Hawaii full attention.

J. A. BRECKONS.

KNOX FIRE CLAIMS BILL

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—The following is the text of the bill introduced in the House on Wednesday of this week by Representative Knox, chairman of the House Committee on Territories:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of one million dollars is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to pay in part the

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Seattle Gets Share Of Transport Service

Washington, Dec. 19.—Secretary Root announced today that he had decided to accept the bid of the Boston Steamship Company so far as it affects the transportation of troops and military supplies between the United States and the Philippines which are sent or received by way of Seattle or Tacoma. He explained that the existing service at San Francisco would be continued for the present and added that if satisfactory arrangements could be made for the disposition of army transports, either by sale or charter, the transportation companies at that port would be given a share of the Government business.

SATISFIED WITH HAY

Washington, Dec. 19.—Secretary Hay laid before the Cabinet the latest phases of the Venezuelan situation as shown by the correspondence he had with our Ambassadors and the Foreign Office at London, Berlin and Rome and also acquainted the members with the substance of the verbal exchanges which had taken place with the Ambassadors in Washington. The Cabinet gave its unqualified approval to everything that has been done by Secretary Hay and also to his plans for the future so far as they were outlined. It is gathered that the attitude of the United States is for the present a waiting one in the hope that the three allies will be soon able to agree upon the basis upon which they are willing to accept arbitration. It was stated that while the Venezuelan situation was realized to be important the subject did not engross the entire attention of the Cabinet. So far no notice of the projected blockade of Venezuela has been officially served on our Government.

MRS. GORE MYSTERY.

Paris, Dec. 18.—The French authorities have become convinced that the death of Mrs. Ellen Gore was accidental and have decided entirely to drop the case against M. De Rydzewski.

9:45 a. m.—"Foreign steamer five miles off Koko Head. Supposed to be the cable ship Silvertown."

This was the message sent over the wire from Diamond Head by Charlie Peterson to the Hawaiian News Company at the time given and soon the news was all over the city and the cable office in the Young building was soon besieged with anxious inquiries, among these being some of the members of the committee in charge of the proposed celebration of the landing of the cable on Hawaiian soil.

Shortly after 10 o'clock, definite news came over the telephone from Diamond Head that the steamer off Koko Head was the Silvertown.

On account of the shortness of the notice and the fact that people generally were not expecting to hear from the cable ship until tomorrow, it was hard work to get people together.

However, Superintendent of Public Works Cooper, Col. J. H. Fisher and a few others were soon on their way to the tugboat Eleu on which they embarked for the open sea to greet the Silvertown. By the time they got out to the bell buoy, the cable ship, urged on by the stiff trade winds, had come down and was lying at anchor off the mouth of the channel for the purpose of allowing the United States Quarantine service doctors to perform their usual duties.

In this connection, it should be stated that, through the kindness of Dr. Cofer, one representative from each of the daily newspapers was invited aboard the Quarantine Service launch, which was the second boat to arrive alongside the cable ship, the pilot boat with Captain Lorenson aboard, being the first to approach her.

Soon after the departure of the Eleu for the Silvertown, the Fearless started out with Captain Berger and as many members of the band as it was possible to get together in time, together with the following citizens: Messrs. C. A. Brown, E. Tenney Peck, W. C. Parke, H. P. Roth, Eckhardt, Thomas Cummins, Edgar Halstead, Geo. F. Bush, Jesse P. Kakaina and D. G. Camarinos.

While all of this activity was going on among the two tug boats, the Ke Au Hou at the Inter-island wharf, acting under the directions of President J. A. Kennedy, was preparing for sea. Hurried notice had been sent out to the effect that the steamer would go out.

At 11:30 o'clock, the American flag was hoisted, the whistle tooted, the lines cast loose, and commanded by Captain Tulett, the Ke Au Hou was soon on her way to the bell buoy with the following people aboard: T. W. Hobson, J. M. Oat, M. Phillips, Frank Halstead, Norman Halstead, F. Hyman, Henry Waterhouse, Louis T. Kenake, Fred Lewis, W. O. Smith, August Dreier, Wm. Forbes, Dr. R. M. Malster, Wm. Blaisdell, Robert W. Shingle, W. M. Graham, T. F. Lansing, Prince David Kawanakana, Judge Lyle A. Dickey, H. A. Tenberg, E. J. Lord, Thomas Trebell (cable expert), M. J. Bissel, Harry Juen, J. F. Colburn, Fred Harrison, Captain Gregory, Clifford Tracy, R. W. Madden, E. K. Lillikalan, D. Howard Hitchcock, J. W. Girvin, J. L. Dowsett, C. S. Holloway, J. Hooper, J. A. Kennedy, Wm. White, Guy Kelly, T. H. Petrie, Jas. L. McClellan, C. E. Presson, George Smithies, Charles Archer, J. B. Fullerton and C. Conrad. Miss Eva McLean, of the Inter-island office, had the distinction of being the only lady aboard the steamer.

As the Ke Au Hou emerged from the mouth of the channel and approached quite close to the Silvertown, the cable ship started to come into port, the doctors of the Quarantine Service having finished their work.

The Fearless took up her position on the starboard and the Eleu on the port side of the cable ship, while one of the Young Bros. launches followed behind the latter tug.

The Ke Au Hou stopped, turned half around and as the cable ship Silvertown passed by, Captain Gregory pulled the whistle cord in varying jerks and soon had the air filled with noise. Immediately after this, the American flag went up at the fore of the Silvertown and the band on the Fearless struck up "Kiss Me My Darling," the people aboard the cable ship cheering and throwing up their hats.

Upon reaching the Myrtle Boat House, A. G. M. Robertson dipped the last club flag and was answered by the Silvertown. At the boat house was Mr. Dickinson who went out to the cable but at Waikiki this morning upon the Silvertown being telephoned, but who returned to town when he found that the cable ship was already

Mr. Dickinson, the local agent of the cable company, stated this afternoon that it could not be said when the Silvertown would go out again to connect the deep-sea cable with the shore end. The Silvertown will have to take on coal to steady her before she goes out.

After the splice has been made final tests will be made, which will take five or six hours, after which messages can be sent between the cable offices here and San Francisco.

It will take some time before the cable will be open for commercial messages on account of certain business arrangements which will have to be made in San Francisco.

passing Waikiki as he approached the Moana hotel.

Near the lighthouse, the Eleu took the lead, blowing her whistle. She was followed by the Fearless and soon other steamer whistles were toting. The Fearless hung alongside until a line had been passed from the ship to the Navy wharf, when she went alongside her wharf.

As the Silvertown approached the wharf the Ke Au Hou, off at one side, gave three rousing cheers and all the people aboard the cable ship answered the welcome given them.

At about 12:30 o'clock the Silvertown was alongside the Navy wharf and hundreds of people crowded about her gangway to hear the latest news from the outside world. They were soon rewarded for Pilot Lorenson came down the gangway and told what he had heard aboard.

As soon as the gangway was ready, Superintendent of Public Works, acting for Governor Dole, Col. J. H. Fisher, A. S. Hartwell and others, went aboard ship to express their welcome.

When the band had been landed, Captain Berger took the boys up to the cable office in the Young building, outside of which a couple of selections, closing with "The Star Spangled Banner," were played.

Silvertown Reports

ROUGH BUT Successful Trip

The Silvertown made her first start from San Francisco for the purpose of laying the shore cable on Friday, December 12. When she came outside, however, this was found to be an impossible undertaking. A heavy gale was raging outside and still worse, a current was running like a mill-race, so that no line could be successfully spanned out between the shore and the vessel. The Silvertown consequently put back to San Francisco. On Sunday, December 14, the shore cable was successfully laid. One hundred tons of cable was put on board a barge and laid from the shore out to the Silvertown. Sunday night at midnight this shore cable was spliced on to the deep-sea cable and a little after midnight on Monday morning the Silvertown started on her trip paying out the cable which will now connect these islands with the Mainland.

Bad Weather.

Throughout the entire trip the cable ship had to contend with bad weather. While the sea was not so rough that it would materially interfere with the progress of an ocean liner, it was exceptionally bad to lay a cable in. The whole length was, however, laid without a break.

Two splices were made as the supply of cable in one tank was finished and a new tank had to be started. One of these splices was made December 19th and the other December 25th, at 11 a. m.

Record of Laying.

The cable was laid day by day as follows:

On Sunday at midnight the six miles of shore cable from San Francisco were connected with the deep-sea ca-

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ble and the actual laying of the deep-sea line begun. The following table gives the total amount of cable laid at noon each day of the voyage:

Total Miles.	Total Miles.
Dec. 15	77
Dec. 16	259
Dec. 17	455
Dec. 18	662
Dec. 19	865
Dec. 20	1054
Dec. 21	1269
Dec. 22	1489
Dec. 23	1677
Dec. 24	1894
Dec. 25	2109

Buoys This Morning.

The end of the cable was buoyed about thirty-five miles from Honolulu at 5:15 this morning, when 2,238 miles of cable had been laid. When the end was slipped into the ocean, a terrific gale prevailed with heavy rain squalls. The task was consequently a very hard one, but it was successfully performed. To the end of the cable was fastened a chain and to this a 6-inch manila hawser. When the end was slipped this hawser ran overboard with such terrific speed that the friction caused sparks to fly from it. The cable end was marked with two buoys.

The Silvertown left the cable end at that distance from shore on account of the fact that there the deep-sea quality of cable will end. The thirty-five miles which intervene between that spot and the cable landing will be spanned by thirty-three miles of intermediate cable, which is of a heavier quality than the deep-sea kind, and by about two miles of rock cable, which is still stronger and which will run out from the shore, where the wear and tear on the cable is the greatest.

Further, the Silvertown, after having unspooled all the cable end, having burned most of her coal, is very light. As a consequence she will take in coal and ballast here to make her more stable before she goes out to pick up the cable end to connect it with the shore. She will also wait for the weather to improve. Should this happen she will in all probability do this work on Monday.

The cable laying was eminently successful, despite the bad weather. The cable was sunk to some enormous depths, 3,000 fathoms, or about four miles having been reached while on most places the cable now lies about three miles below the surface of the Pacific. An illustration of how very deep the cable goes can be had when it is known that when the vessel was paying out cable the strand reached the bottom between twenty-two and twenty-seven miles astern of the vessel.

The Silvertown besides her crew carries several different staffs of cable workers, whose business it was to lay and test the cable. A continuous test was kept between the vessel and the San Francisco shore end by the aid of delicate instruments by which the slightest mishap to the cable paid out would be noticed immediately. This test was only interrupted once a day when Mr. E. D. Moore, the Associated Press representative who accompanied the expedition, sent a report of the trip to San Francisco.

The officers of the vessel and of the different staffs are as follows: Commander, D. Morton; chief officer, A. Tron; officers, Rowe, Cluney, Sangster.

Cable Engineer Staff: H. Benest, engineer in charge of expedition; staff: F. C. Crawford, P. Bates, H. P. Daley, E. Rymer Jones, E. H. Walker, M. Raymond Barker.

Electrical Staff: J. Rymer Jones, chief electrician, E. Raymond Barker, second electrician; P. C. W. Dixon, A. G. Rutter, B. E. Bumpus.

Hydrographer, C. R. Wylie, Asst. hydrographer, R. G. Wood; chief engineer, J. Stoddard; chief assistant engineer, A. White; surgeon, Dr. Chubbill. Electric light engineer, A. G. Sumner.

Inspecting Staff: Captain Patterson, Mr. Barwell, Mr. Merrill, E. B. Hibbard.

While there were no accidents to the cable throughout the trip there were two men hurt during the laying which, especially in rough weather, is dangerous work. One of these men had a shoulder dislocated and the other was badly bruised. They were working in the cable tank when the cable, which lies in a gigantic coil, on account of a sudden lurch of the vessel spun out at a terrific rate, hurting the two men.

Last year we imported nearly 8,000,000 bushels of potatoes, this quantity being exceeded only twice in our history. In the previous fiscal year the crop in this country was much larger and we imported only 272,000 bushels.

Roosevelt Named Arbitrator To Settle Venezuela Affair

Washington, Dec. 22, 8 p. m.—The allies engaged in the Venezuelan troubles have agreed to submit their claims to arbitration. President Roosevelt has been appointed arbitrator.

SAN FRANCISCO WRECK.

San Francisco, Dec. 22.—A disastrous railroad accident occurred today, six miles from San Francisco. Twenty people were killed. A large number were injured.

EDUCATION BILL PASSED.

London, Dec. 22.—The educational bill was passed today.

MACKAY IS PLEASED.

San Francisco, Dec. 22.—Clarence Mackay left today for New York. Mr. Ward left last night. They are both highly pleased with the progress made by the Silvertown.

FRISCO WEATHER.

San Francisco, Dec. 22.—The weather here is cold and damp. The temperature has fallen to 38 degrees.

LECTURE BY WEEDON

Hotel del Coronado, Dec. 17.—Walter C. Weedon of Honolulu delivered a highly instructive and entertaining lecture last evening in the Hotel del Coronado theater, the subject being "Hawaii," of which country Mr. Weedon has been a resident for thirty-seven years.

FIVE CENT SUGAR

"You have the news already and will get more by the cable steamer outside," was B. F. Dillingham's answer to a request for any special information he might have brought with him in the Sierra.

"The people in San Francisco are feeling good over the sugar prospects," he went on to say. "They see a clear profit of \$5,000,000 on the coming year's crop over that of the year just closing. It is the opinion of men there who are very close to the situation that sugar will go up to five cents and even higher within the year."

MORE CANAL DELAY.


Washington, Dec. 19.—Confirmation of the Panama Canal treaty with Colombia has again been moved into the future and it is now said that no treaty can be expected before Christmas and probably not until the beginning of next year.

DIED.

SABIN.—In Honolulu, H. T., Friday, December 26, 1902, Mary Pualalani Sabin, age 2 years and 3 days.

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